

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1956 - SB 1908

February 6, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Allows for an increase to the number of emergency medical technical/advanced emergency medical technician (EMT/AEMT) training centers operated by ambulance services licensed in the state to 30, the number of training classes per year to 3, and total students per class to 20. Allows for EMT/AEMT training centers to use online and virtual training. Removes the requirement for the EMT/AEMT training centers to report various student statistics, and for the Emergency Medical Services Board (Board) to compile an annual report with this data to be submitted to General Assembly committees.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Under current law, a limited pilot program authorizes operation of a total of 15 training centers, with no more than 2 classes of students per year, per type of class, per training center, and no more than 10 students per class.
- Based on public information provided by the Department of Health, there are currently four training centers that are not a part of the Tennessee Board of Regents' (TBR) system.
- The proposed legislation will expand the total number of authorized training centers to 30, increase the total number of authorized classes to 3 per year, per type of class, per training center, and increase the total number of authorized students per class to 20.
- In addition, the proposed legislation will delete the current authorization for EMT/AEMT students from other counties with a population of less than 50,000 to be sent to another county for training and the provision which required the Board to take into consideration whether another training center is in the relevant service area of a new EMT/AEMT training center applicant.
- The proposed legislation could result in a development of new EMT/AEMT training centers in areas where such centers would not be authorized under current law. For any such new center, there would be permissive increases in local expenditures associated with operations the center, an equivalent increase in local revenue from fees imposed to offset the recurring costs of the program, and an increase in state revenue to the General Fund associated with statutorily imposed enrollment, application, and licensure fees.

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- However, since the number of EMT/AEMT training centers is significantly lower than the number of authorized training centers under current law, any such increases are estimated to be not significant.
- The proposed legislation will not significantly impact the enrollment in EMT/AEMT programs at TBR community colleges and the EMT program at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology.
- The Board is required to collect fees in an amount sufficient to pay the costs of operating the Board. All fees collected by the Board are deposited in the General Fund and included in the appropriation made for the Board in the General Appropriations Act.
- Any increase in expenditures for the Board will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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